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--> Comment Text :
Please consider building a highway by-pass around the business and residential corridor of the town of Pahrump, Nevada.

I am a resident of Pahrump, Nevada. My growing town is most likely one of the townships which will have large volumes of hazardous material passing through it, when the Yucca Mountain Project is initiated. My concern, which I hope can be addressed, is that Pahrump currently has a very limited roadway system and would it be crippled should there be a situation which closes the highway running through our town.

A recent "Harvest Festival" parade closed the town off for a few hours where it was obvious that we really only have one suitable road for the bulk of traffic to drive down. This major artery for all vehicle traffic is known as Highway 160. The parade route shut down Highway 160 and Highway 372 for hours for a patriotic tribute remembering those killed in recent terrorist attacks on September 11. Until the parade was finished, practically every business

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had to shut down and wait for the road to reopen, as no one could drive from one side of town to the other, due to the traffic being held up. This highlighted to me the need to consider building a highway by-pass around Pahrump for hazardous material shipment to permit commerce to continue and people to feel less threatened should a hazardous material accident occur on the highway.

There is a considerable amount of government owned (Bureau of Land Management) land surrounding the town of Pahrump. It would be fairly easy to gain the easements and right-of-way needed to loop around the township proper. Easier still while the town is still small, although it is growing by leaps and bounds. Many other towns or cities have business loops which permit drivers to choose to enter a town, or go around it. In the case of Pahrump, I believe it would be very welcome to give hazardous loads the option of driving around Pahrump versus driving through Pahrump. This is an easy fix and a welcome "peace offering" which would be appreciated by many.

I have taken the public tour of YMP with my wife Marilee and actually am personally in total support for Yucca Mountain being the national high level waste repository. I believe it can be stored safely once it gets there, but my only concern is for how others seem to be anxious about it "driving next to my house." I think a reasonable highway by-pass, although somewhat expensive, is a small contribution for growth, goodwill and development for the largest town in Nye County.

God Bless America. Bring on the nuclear waste, just bring it around Pahrump on a highway by-pass.

Thank you,

William F. Botos

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